Controversies for the selection of consultant

†2545. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain suggestions have been sought from a private sector organization with a view to getting maximum dividend through the investment of the money of Employees' Provident Fund;

(b) if so, the name of this organisation and the reasons for its selection; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the above-said organisation was involved in controversies in the recent years and if so, the details of such controversies?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund had invited open bids through advertisements in the leading news papers, for one time study on various aspects relating to investment management of EPFO funds. Final decision was taken by CBT, EPF after conducting objective comparative analysis of various contenders, to engage M/s Mercer Human Rsources Consulting for the job.

(c) No controversies are noticed in case of aforesaid Indian arm of multinational company.

Social security cover to workers

2546. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission, in its mid-term appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan has recommended the introduction of an universal scheme for providing social security cover to all workers engaged in the informal and un-organised sector;

(b) if so, whether the Commission has also proposed with legislation tOriginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.